THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

Effect of Indo-Myanmar Trade Treaty on SSI

3401. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Indo-Myanmar Trade Treaty has greatly affected the Small Scale, Agro and Rural Industries in the border States like Manipur; and

(b) if so, what steps are contemplated to meet the challenge created to these village industries by the products of other counties coming through Myanmar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Government has not received any complaint either from the Government of Manipur or from the local traders relating to the small scale, agro and rural industries being affected as a result of the Indo-Myanmar Border Trade Treaty.

Quality of Products Produced by SSI

3402. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to improve the quality of products produced by Small Scale, agro and Rural Industries to that of international standard and meet the challenge of WTO;

(b) whether such industries will be given subsidies to market their products in the international market; and

(c) whether such industries will be given training for cost effective methods and procurement of raw materials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The Government has put in place several measures